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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO NEPAL FOR
LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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1. EMBASSY/USAID HAVE RECEIVED SUBJECT PROPOSAL AND ENDROSED
IT STRONGLY. LIVESTOCK SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IS BOTH A KEY
PROBLEM AS WELL AS ONE OF MOST NEGLECTED. IT URGENTLY
NEEDS KIND OF ATTENTION THAT SUBJECT CONSULTANCY AND
PRESUMED FOLLOW-ON PROJECT SHOULD PROVIDE. MOREOVER THIS
PROJECT SHOULD FIT WELL WITH USAID EFFORT. CURRENT AID
INTEGRATED CEREALS PROJECT IS BROADENING INTO FARMING
SYSTEMS EFFORT WHICH WILL NECESSARILY INCLUDE ATTENTION
EARLY ON TO AREAS OF EDIBLE LEGUMES AND LIVESTOCK. WITH
ADB EFFORT DIRECTED PRIMARILY TO MILK PRODUCTION, WE SEE
NO POTENTIAL CONFLICT AT THIS TIME. RATHER WEHOULD
HOPE AND EXPECT TWO EFFORTS WOULD COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER.
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2. ABOVE HAVING BEEN SAID, WE DO SEE SOME PROBLEMS/DEFICIENCIES
WITH ADB PROPOSAL. FIRST, PROBLEM OF LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT
IS LARGE AND, AS NOTED, ONE THAT HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY
IGNORED TO DATE. AS RESULT, DEVISING EFFECTIVE NATIONAL
PROGRAM AS INITIAL STEP MAY PROVE DIFFICULT. IT MAY,
FOR EXAMPLE, SEEM ADVISABLE TO PUT INITIAL FOCUS ON RE-

SEARCH (NONE DONE TO DATE). THIS IS, OF COURSE, TYPE OF ISSUE CONSULTANTS ARE BEING PAID TO ADDRESS. BUT WORD OF WARNING EARLY ON SEEMS ADVISABLE. SECOND IS ISSUE OF EXECUTING AGENCY FOR GON. ANIMAL SERVICES DIVISION (ASD) OF DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE IS GENERALLY AGREED TO BE VERY WEAK. AS NOTED, ASD HAS DONE ALMOST NOTHING ON ITS OWN, NOT ERSN MINIMAL RESEARCH. THIS WILL POSE PROBLEMS IN FIRST INSTANCE TO CONSULTANTS IN GATHERING INFORMATION, BUT CLEARLY ALSO RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ASD IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING TYPE OF PROJECT EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM PROPOSED STUDY. IT MAY WELL BE NECESSARY TO TAP OTHER RESOURCES (E.G. APROSC) IN ORDER TO DEVELOPE EFFECTIVE LOCAL COUNTERPART. FINALLY, WE NOTE IN LOOKING AT MAKE UP OF PROPOSED CONSULTANCY TEAM, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO ONE SLATED TO EXAMINE SOME OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED. THERE IS PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO AND POSSIBLE PAYMENT FOR GRAZING LAND FOR LIVE-STOCK OWNER, WHICH LEADS INTO BROADER ISSUES OF LAND REFORM AND LAND OWNERSHIP IN TRADITIONAL GRAZING AREAS. THERE IS PROBLEM OF DEALPHG WITH OLDER, NON-PRODUCTIVE--BUT STILL SACRED--COWS. THESE ARE BUT TWO EXAMPLES BUT THEY IL-LUSTRATE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF ISSUES WHICH TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS.

3. WE DO NOT WISH LEAVE IMPRESSION IN CITING ABOVE PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DISCOURAGE PROPOSED ADB FINANCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDY. QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE EXISTANCE OF THE PROBLEMS SERVE TO REINFORCE THE NEED FOR HELP IN ADDRESSING THEM. AND AS NOTED, WE BELIEVE THE WHOLE ARE OF LIVESTOCK IS VITAL ONE DEMANDING OF ATTENTION. IN SHORT, WE HOPE THIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT WILL BE APPROVED AND THAT IT WILL LEAD TO SOME OF THE ANSWERS URGENTLY REQUIRED. EAVES

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